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**Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal
- Rule 1.53 (d)**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Anticipated Classification

Class 428

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) please file a:

☒ continuation

☐ divisional

of pending prior Application No. 08/989,507, filed on December 12, 1997.

Inventor(s): James L. Bries and Michael D. Hamerski

Title: REMOVABLE ADHESIVE TAPE LAMINATE AND SEPARABLE FASTENER

Applicant(s) abandon the prior application as of the filing date granted this new application. Please transfer the file wrapper and contents of the prior application to this application.

1. ☐ An amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed _____ was not entered in the prior application but should be entered in this application.
2. ☒ Please cancel claims 2-40 and 44.
3. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
4. ☐ Enclosed are _____ sheet(s) of drawings.
5. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:

The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

| Claims Remaining, After Accounting For Any Claims Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 1-3 Above | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| (1) For | (2) Number Filed | (3) Number Extra | (4) Rate | (5) Basic Fee \$690. |
| Total Claims | 13 -20 = | 0 | x \$18. | \$ 0 |
| Independent Claims | 6 -3 = | 3 | x \$78. | \$234 |
| Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims | | | \$260. | \$ 0 |
| | | | Total Filing Fee Due → | \$924 |

6. ☒ Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to file and during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested. A copy of this transmittal letter for fee processing is enclosed.

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7. An assignment:

- ☒ to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company is of record in the prior application.
☐ from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.
☐ to _____ is enclosed along with a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

8. ☐ A power of attorney is enclosed,

9. ☒ Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.

10. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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| Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10 I certify that this application is being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. | |
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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1772
James L. Bries and Michael D. Hamerski) Exr: Nasser Ahmad
Serial No.: 08/989,507)
Filed: December 12, 1997)
For: REMOVABLE ADHESIVE TAPE)
LAMINATE AND SEPARABLE)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2000, and prior to the first action by the Examiner, please amend this application as set forth below.

In the Specification

Page 3, line 6, after "from" insert -- one --.
Page 5, line 2, change "connection" to: -- connector --.
Page 14, line 13, change "know" to -- known --.
Page 14, line 14, change "meet" to -- mate --.
Page 17, line 26, change "such a" to -- such as --.
Page 19, line 20, change "no" to -- not --.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-40 and 44, and amend claims 1, 41, and 45 as follows:

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